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**1.1 Coordinating ideas**

MY SENTENCE: However, in the poem “Barbie Doll,” the connotation of “Barbie” is a materialistic girl who looks pretty in every way. The connotation of “doll” is someone who acts like a puppet or someone who is easily persuaded by society to fit in with the crowd.

EXPLANATION: Ideas that are equally important – or that carry the same weight – in a sentence are called coordinate ideas. To show that ideas are coordinate, you link them with a coordinating conjunction, such as *and* or *but* or another connective. Sometimes the connective may simply be a punctuation mark, such as a semicolon.  
REVISED EXAMPLE: However, in the poem “Barbie Doll,” the connotation of “Barbie” is a materialistic girl who looks perfect in every way, **and** the connotation of “doll” is someone who acts like a puppet or someone who is easily persuaded by society to fit in with the crowd.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: My favorite color is purple, **and** Andrea’s favorite color is green.